Dear Members of the Glen Waverley Primary School Community,

Welcome to another very exciting and information packed newsletter! As usual so many marvellous things have occurred at our wonderful school over the past fortnight such as:

Facilities Update
Once again, we had tradespeople in our school throughout the past fortnight completing the following tasks:

Main Building – the trade people have also continued working on the external components of the main building – painting the windows, walkways and walls. I’m sure you will agree that it certainly has made an enormous difference to our school’s entrance.

Additional portable – The trade people have certainly made enormous progress with this program as our additional portable is now ready for us to move and establish in readiness for the 2016 school year. Throughout the past fortnight they have laid new carpet, completed all of the electrical works, installed new concrete paths leading to this facility, painted and also thoroughly cleaned it. The next stage is to clear the site, install echo panelling on the walls and then move the new furniture in. We hope all of this will be completed well before the end of this year and the new facility will be able to be used for “2016 Day”.

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS
Lunch orders are available from our service provider Balance Living Catering five days a week. Ordering is done through an online service, details of which are available on our website or visit http://www.balancedlivingcatering.com.au/school-lunch-ordering.html

UNIFORM SHOP
Situated in the West Wing on the School Grounds
Open Monday between 3.00 – 4.30 pm
Closed Public Holidays and School Holidays
Please bring your own bag for purchases as we are an environmentally friendly school
Orders may be left with the office – these must be in an envelope marked with the child’s name and grade together with payment, correct monies are appreciated.

Help Us Reach Our Goal
GLEN WAVERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL PROJECT
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Last week we were extremely fortunate to have James Leonard visit our school. James is a wheelchair athlete and also coaches Matthew (Year 1) in wheelchair basketball. Matthew gets coached every second Sunday and he (with his mum, Amy) organised this special visit which was terrific as the children certainly gained a great deal from it. Below are some of the children’s reflections:

**Matthew (Year 1)**

**James and Wheelchair Basketball**

James came to Glen Waverley PS, he is my coach. James plays for the men’s State basketball team. When James came to our school I felt a bit nervous but very happy. When I go to training I practice dribbling the ball, passing and, my favourite part, shooting for goals! I have included some photos of me practicing with James for everyone to share.

**Vyshi Year 1**

**Information about James**

James has cerebral palsy.
He plays wheelchair basketball.
He can do a double dribble on his wheelchair.
He plays for Victoria State.
He is Matthew’s coach.
He started playing basketball when he was young.
It took him a long time to score a goal.
He also plays wheelchair tennis.
He always says, “There is always another way to do something”.
What is he good at in the YCDI Rocket? *Confidence and Persistence*
How does he move in the wheelchair? *He pretends the wheels are like clocks and moves his hands to three o’clock.*
How many goals does he score in a day? *About 24*
What is Cerebral Palsy? *Cerebral Palsy is when your brain doesn’t send a message to your legs and it is hard to walk.*
How long have you been playing basketball? *7 years*
What happens when you play basketball? *He is given the ball and he tries to shoot the ball.*

**Rithila Year 1**

**Wheelchair Basketball**

Today 1SR met James Leonard. James plays for the Victoria State wheelchair basketball team. In wheelchair basketball James cannot do all basketball moves. James has always wanted to play basketball and he finally found the right kind of basketball for him, it is called wheelchair basketball. He is so happy that he plays 3 times a week and then 2 days in the gym.

James is also Matthew’s coach. James has cerebral palsy but that does not mean his brain is bad, it just means the messages that come from his brain take a long time or go to the wrong place.

In wheelchair basketball you need to double dribble or bounce and move. Double dribble means that you push the wheelchair twice and then bounce the ball. A bounce move is when the person bounces the basketball and moves the wheelchair at the same time – how cool!
Congratulations to the following children for their wonderful achievements outside of school

As we reach the end of another exciting and productive school year it is wonderful to acknowledge the achievement of the children. This fortnight I would like to recognize the following children for their wonderful achievements:

**Elena and Sofia (Year Prep and Two)** entered a colouring completion recently and really didn’t think too much about it until their mum came home with some amazing prizes. Elena won a box set of “Peter Rabbit” books and Sofia the entire set of “Harry Potter” books. Well done Elena and Sofia as this is a wonderful achievement and you have also won something which you can use for many, many years to come.

**Buwanaji (Year 2)** is an amazing artist and this year her artistic talents have been acknowledged within and beyond our school. Within our school her artwork was chosen as the DVD cover for this year’s school production which is naturally a wonderful achievement, externally she entered three separate competitions and achieved the following results:
- Victorian Multicultural Commission – State winner in the Year 2 and 4 category
- Yarra Valley Water – winner at the Regional and State level, in the Year 1 and 2 category
- Remembrance Day poster completion – State finalist.
Well done Buwanaji as we are incredibly proud of your artistic talents and also achievements this year!
Please refer to an overview of the Remembrance Day poster competition written by Mr Hudson in this newsletter.

**Summer (Year 2)** is an enthusiastic Robotics and technology student. Recently she attended a technology conference where she purchased an MRobot which she worked industriously to build and then program to do so many amazing things such as follow a black line, avoid colliding and continuously roaming (Summer really enjoyed this part of the program as it is great fun running after her robot). Well done and congratulations Summer as it is wonderful to see someone so young have an interest in Robotics and is also prepared to follow this up!

**Harani (Year 3)** has been a student at the local Kumon Centre and recently she was awarded a certificate for achieving 5 years and above in the Kumon English program. Her study score of 200, ranked her 1st out of 2069 students throughout Australia which is an amazing achievement! Congratulations and well done Harani as you should also be incredibly proud of what you have accomplished.

**Aarushi (Year Prep)** is an avid dancer and recently danced at Federation Square in front of thousands of people in order to celebrate Diwali. We were very fortunate to have her dance for us at a recent school assembly too. Well done Aarushi and keep up the fabulous dancing!

**Arjun (Year 2)** recently participated in the annual City to Sea fundraising event with his entire family. Arjun mentioned that he had a wonderful time, really enjoyed running with his dad and the total money raised was $406, 480.63 which is wonderful as these funds will be distributed amongst various charities. He also would like to have a school team participate next year ...hmm, what a great idea! Attached is a photograph of Arjun with his fabulous medal – congratulations and well done Arjun (and family)!
Achievements outside of School (cont’d)

Sayuni (Year 2) and Rhea (Year 3) both children attend the Wesley Gymnastics program and recently were awarded the "gymnast of the year" award for their respective age groups which is absolutely fabulous! Attached are photographs of Sayuni and Rhea with their marvellous trophies – congratulations, keep up the great commitment and well done girls!

Daniel (Year 3) and Pranav (Year 4) their families and I will be attending a special presentation on Saturday 28th November where they will be awarded medals for being either the highest or equal highest achievers in this year’s University of New South Wales ICAS Science assessment program. Naturally this is such a wonderful achievement which we are incredibly proud of and looking forward to sharing with the entire school community in our next newsletter and assembly.

Rose (Year 5) and Yasmin (Year 6) competed in the Australian Maths Competition (AMC) and they were acknowledged at a special presentation at Monash University recently. Rose received the AMC Prize and Prudence Awards (Prize the top 0.3% in the Year 5 cohort and Prudence award for the highest consecutive correct answers) and Yasmin for High Distinction for top 2% in the Year 6 cohort. Well done and congratulations girls on your amazing achievements! Please refer to an overview of the presentation evening which has been written by Mr Xue also contained in this newsletter.

Darren (Year 6) is a budding scientist and also a member of Labrats Science Club – a science group who provide children aged 7 to 12 with the opportunity to learning from scientific specialists who make the time to talk to the children and also showcase various experiments. The Labrats are also provided with the opportunity to showcase their talents, interest and love for science to others. Recently Darren and his fellow “Labrats” went to the Dandenong library in order to run workshops for local children. This initiative is implemented as Labrats would like all children to learn about science and also encourage them to participate in scientific experiments.

During the workshops the children were taught how to make slime, they painted dinosaur casts, made gravity helicopters, learnt about soundwaves using whirly tubes and also completed an experiment involving air pressure with water, tissues, plates and cups. If anyone is interested in joining Labrats please access their website at: [http://www.labratclub.com/](http://www.labratclub.com/) Attached are a few photos of Darren at the Dandenong library.

Darren also attends other Science related organisations such as the Rock Garden Centre at Monash University and the Australian Synchrotron on the 3rd Saturday of every month in order to learn even more about science! Well done and congratulations Darren as it is very clear that your love of science is extremely strong!

Jack (Year 6) participated in the Canterbury Rookies Chess Tournament. It was a rated tournament and he was able to double his rating by winning games against people with very high ratings. Jack played seven games against both children and adults. He got the highest score of 3.5 out of 7 for his rating, which is 620 points. Jack received a trophy to commemorate this wonderful achievement. Congratulations, keep up the great chess playing and well done Jack!

Once again, it is wonderful that so many of our students (your children) are being acknowledged for achieving a variety of amazing feats both within and beyond our school. Congratulations to the above children, their teachers and families for all of their wonderful achievements as we are all incredibly proud of you!
Mathletics
At our school, all of our students have access to the valuable online Mathematics learning platform ‘Mathletics’. This access enables the children to revise Mathematical concepts anytime, anywhere in order to consolidate and deepen their understanding and skills. Mathletics is utilised as part of Home Learning, however it is wonderful to see that there are many students who are so enthusiastic about their Mathematics learning that they go above and beyond this expectation. Three students in Years 2 and 3 received ‘Top Maths Results’ certificates from their outstanding efforts on Mathletics. This is a fantastic achievement that is a testament to their passion for learning in Mathematics. Congratulations to:
- Anuk (Year 3) who mastered 98% of all tasks attempted
- Anujana (Year 3) who mastered 98% of all tasks attempted and
- Chanu (Year 2) who mastered 100% of all tasks attempted.

These students should be very proud of their achievements! I look forward to seeing more wonderful students receiving these certificates, as they celebrate the persistence and excellence in Mathematics learning so often witnessed in our school community.

2016 Student Leaders
As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we have reached the stage of the year where the Year 5 children are nominating and preparing for the various 2016 Student Leadership positions which is naturally very exciting for the children, their families and also the staff. Recently we had the children who have been shortlisted for the 2016 School Captain present themselves to the entire school community, who ALL were absolutely outstanding and last week the children who would like to be a House Captain also presented themselves to their peers. The next part of this process is to select the “Specialist Captains” (Art, Music, Library, Mandarin, Science and Environment).

Once again, I would like to reiterate that the entire staff and I are extremely proud of all of the children who are undertaking the process of being selected for the various leadership positions throughout our school and wish each and everyone one them all the very best with the selection process.

The 2016 Student Leaders will be announced at a special assembly on Monday 7th December which will be followed by a morning tea with their family members. The children will also complete a leadership training day on Tuesday 8th December involving staff from the Monash City Council.

End of Year “Fun Night”
As everyone would be aware, unfortunately the weather was not very kind to us last Friday afternoon and the “Fun Night” had to be cancelled. As the staff are in the midst of completing the student reports and a variety of other end of year requirements we have decided not to reschedule the event. However we held a BBQ yesterday (Wednesday) which was once again extremely well supported and a wonderful opportunity for the children to commence celebrating the end of the 2015 school year. A sincere thank you to the numerous parents who were able to attend and assist with the BBQ – your efforts are really appreciated!
2016 School Fees
As I’m sure the majority of families would be aware, as a Victorian Government school the Government provides for much of our school’s basic operational requirements with a financial grant that is paid to the school in quarterly instalments. This covers items such as cleaning, gas and electricity, water rates, facilities, telephone, furniture, some buildings and grounds maintenance, administration, some curriculum support and professional learning for the staff.

In order for us to provide educational programs of a standard and quality expected at our school, we need funds in addition to those provided by the Government which is generated by family contributions. Recently the 2016 School Account notice was distributed which outlined how school community funds were used this year and what we have planned for next year. Naturally School Council, the staff and I are extremely grateful as the vast majority of our families have settled their 2015 school account which has made a significant difference to our school and the educational opportunities for the children. Some recent examples include the building of our new Science Laboratory and the air conditioning units installed in the Early Learning Centre.

A sincere thank you to the families who have already settled their 2016 accounts and a reminder that a $10 discount applies if you settle your account prior to the end of the 2015 school year.

As with all school related financial issues, if a family requires making additional arrangements please do not hesitate to contact me.

Parking at the Mountain View Hotel
As a school we are very fortunate that the Mountain View Hotel management allows us to have access to their car park during all school days and particularly when excursions and camps are being held. Naturally two or more buses in our extremely busy car park would make the congestion a great deal worse. However we also need to be aware of and responsive to the needs of the Mountain View Hotel as they are a business and hence need to ensure their customers have access to their hotel.

A sincere thank you to the families who park at the Mountain View Hotel car park after school as this is another means of easing the congestion in our school car park, however please ensure that you DO NOT park next to the BWS Bottleshop as this impacts on their business. The best thing to do is to park a little further down and away from the hotel. Thank you in advance for your understanding with this issue.

2016 Enrolments
I would like to remind families with children who will be beginning school in 2016 that we are taking enrolments now and that they are also closing rapidly with only a very small number of positions available as places are filling fast. Hence I strongly encourage you to ensure you return your child’s enrolment form to Jenny or Julie as soon as possible.

We also ask that members of our school community assist us by informing any of their neighbours of the enrolment procedures and direct them to the office to collect an enrolment form or our school website – www.glenps.vic.edu.au. School tours are available every Tuesday morning commencing at 9:30 and also upon request. Please call the school on 9802 9938 to book a tour.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED A PRINCIPAL’S AWARD RECENTLY:

Prep CB: Hishan for making amazing improvement with his writing and reading skills
Prep HT: Elena for winning a colouring in completion and being awarded the Peter Rabbit books
Prep OA: Parnika, Gayana, Jahzarah, Parin, Aki and Kiya for being really responsible members of our school community
Prep SM: Eshita, Sophia, Maahir, Saloni and Sayu for being wonderful helpers out with the Prep Transition program

Thinuli for outstanding public speaking and presentations skills and
Aarushi for performing at a recent school assembly
PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS (Cont’d)

Prep EL: the entire class for wonderful improvement with their writing skills, Dinara, Emaan, Koyal, Peeyush, Sachin, Lushalu, Sanuk and Kaitlyn for being really responsible members of our school community

1BT: Suprit and Yash for completing amazing, very informative and colourful posters about persuading people how to use water wisely at home and
Amy and Anika for being really responsible members of our school community

1MT: Bernice and Varodh for writing wonderful recounts about their science incursion and Noah, Ramika, Kheenav and Kusal for writing wonderful recounts about James Leonard’s recent visit
1PK: Shanza, Sruthika and Ganuli for creating a wonderful sunflower for my office, Appu, Akein and Brian for working so hard on their Maths skills, Cheniru for crafting a wonderful poster about his home, Omar for being a wonderful and supportive friend, Senuth for creating a wonderful poster about pyramids, Archit for writing a creative story using lots of words containing the letter P, Cheniru for making wonderful progress with his handwriting and writing skills, Akein for being a very responsible member of our school community, Himesh for showing and explaining his show and tell and Kevin for being a terrific friend
1SR: Oscar and Malachy for creating wonderful posters about the water cycle

1MT: Cindy and Ramika for creating wonderful water cycles as part of their unit of inquiry

1SR: Malachy for making outstanding progress with his reading

1SR: Matthew, Vyshi and Rithila for writing amazing recounts about James Leonard’s recent visit to our school which are featured in this newsletter
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT (Cont’d)

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS (Cont’d)

2CW: Phoebe, Sumitha, Sanna and Sofia for being great friends, Sofia also for winning a colouring in competition and winning copies of JK Rawlings books Harry Potter collection, and Eloise and Tiffany for being really responsible members of our school community
2MP: Simar for writing some amazing poems about her recent trip to Yarra Glen and Yarra Valley (featured in the Kids Corner of this newsletter)
2PS: Grace and Jayda for writing fabulous facts and opinions about Diwali

2CW: Phoebe, Sumitha, Sanna and Sofia

2CW: Yunha for writing a very creative story titled, "Too Loud Lily"

2CW: Sevin for building a variety of wonderful projects using Lego

2MP: Daniel, Uthum, Jayda and Simar for writing fabulous facts and opinions about Diwali as featured in the Kids Corner section of the newsletter

3AJ: Archi for completing a wonderful speech about plastics and Saisha for being a very supportive friend
3GE: Randiv, Thinuri, Anuk and Pawan for using their creative and mathematics skills to solve complex equations, Alicia, Adarsh, Vishal, Dulein, Chathu, Pawan, Vanessa and Ethan for making wonderful connections with homophones and Thinuri and Emily for being able to compare and contrast Asia, Africa and Australia
3JK: Bilaal for providing a fabulous memento of his recent holiday to Sri Lanka, Dihein, Dinidu and Branna for creating fabulous representations of the author’s purpose in reading groups and Ramike for being a great friend
3MT: Leah and Chloe also for making wonderful connections with homophones

4AM: Nathan for writing a wonderful procedural text about how to get a principal learning award and also for fabulous symmetry work, Mohammed and Kaveshi also for completing fabulous home learning project about force and friction and Min, Lily, Dahami and Enuri for being wonderful and supportive friends
4SD: Ananda for making fantastic progress with her maths learning and Sana for being a great friend
4MK: Jayden C and Kaveen for completing amazing spider webs which calculated the size of the various angles, Jayden C and Isaiah for making a wonderful crown for me using paper and mathematical angles and Aditi for writing an amazing and very creative story which is now proudly displayed in my office

6CG: Kiril, Jana, Leo, Denzel, Mahad, Sandewni, Chathuni, Krittiika and Shaharzad for being really responsible members of our school community by assisting with the Prep Transition program
6JT: Megan for being a very respectful and committed member of our school community
6LT: Jennifer for spending time thinking about creative ideas we can use in our school

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**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS (Cont’d)**

**4TS: Kenuli** for completing amazing home learning and **Ishwari** for being a great friend

**4AM: Kisuri, Enuri and Mohammed** for using their creative problem solving skills to complete challenging mathematical problems

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**BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their special day during the second half of November:

- Prep CB: Saseni
- Prep EL: Rory and Sachin
- Prep HT: Yasilu
- Prep OA: Aki and Amali
- 1MT: Noah
- 2CW: Sia
- 2MP: Brian
- 2PS: Yash
- 3AJ: Sai
- 3GE: Manoge
- 3JK: Bree and Darlene
- 3MT: Kuvam
- 4AM: Denny
- 4MK: Dineth
- 4SD: Adi, Sana, Taranjot and Sapna
- 4TS: Matheesha and Kavi
- 5EP: Thomas
- 5PA: Simar, Tiffany, Siddhi and Angelina
- 5PD: William
- 5SR: Amanda and Aksaya
- 6CG: Akshata
- 6JT: Vincent, Saipiaya and Elnaz
- 6LT: Tony, Jenny and Nitish
- 6SL: Miky and Ann

Wishing everyone a safe and happy fortnight.

*Frank Catalano*

*Principal*
The Digital Generation-

Soft Skills and eSmart Behaviours

In recent articles I have spent time researching and providing tips for families on how to build so-called ‘soft skills’; which are commonly included under the umbrella of social and emotional wellbeing.

Building these soft-skills relates directly to an increase in a person’s levels of emotional intelligence. Many of my previous articles have related to face-face contact and the building of physically tangible relationships. However, in the 21st century world we need to acknowledge the importance of applying these parameters to the ‘digital relationships’ that the modern student so readily values and views as ‘the norm’.

For some parents the terms ‘cybersafety’, ‘online behaviour’, ‘digital footprint’ and so forth can be a little confusing. It is very easy as a parent to feel left behind when we view how naturally our children build and apply their ever increasing knowledge of the digital world. Trying to keep up with what is happening in the ‘digital age’ is a challenging task as “today’s technology can quickly become yesterday’s news”.

At Glen Waverley Primary School we are extremely committed to adopting to our local context the best educational practices from around the globe. Thus, we proactively approach and discuss digital relationships with our students and explicitly teach them how to be safe online, a term we refer to as “eSmart”.

As a school we are building a culture which promotes safe and respectful use of digital and online resources. As a part of this journey, we are currently in the ‘implementation’ stage of the approved eSmart Schools Framework, which is a framework approved and managed jointly by: The Commonwealth Government; The Department of Education; and a not-for-profit partner, The Alannah and Madeline Foundation.

An eSmart school is a school where the smart, safe and responsible use of information and communications technology is a cultural norm. Students, teachers and the wider school community are equipped to embrace the best these technologies can offer, while being savvy about the pitfalls.

This is an infographic of the “eSmart Schools Framework” and provides an overview of the areas of our learning community which come together to promote an eSmart School.
Learners

Many of our students will recollect their teacher referring to themselves as “a learner” at some point. It is part of our school philosophy “Building Staff Capacity is Paramount”\(^1\). This is not designed to blur the definition of teacher and student, but models an important understanding for students – that we never stop learning.

It is one of the many reasons we have embarked on our CIS\(^2\) journey.

One of the reasons membership and accreditation with the CIS is so rigorous (with documented evidence of high standards, and detailed inspections to verify the evidence provided), is that educators that teach at a CIS member school, can train to become accreditation visitors (or inspectors) themselves. Last year three members of Glen Waverley Primary School were trained, Frank Catalano, Penelope Kolovos and myself, and we are hoping that next year we will be able to train additional members of staff.

Miss Kolovos participated as an accreditation visitor for the first time last week at a school in Lilydale. She was part of an eight person team which included members from China, Thailand, Adelaide and Victoria, and ranged in position from Principal, Assistant Principal and Classroom teacher. The visit lasted seven days and the evidence that the school provided was scrutinised for verification. Miss Kolovos described the experience as one of the most intense professional learning experiences she has ever been involved in, working in collaboration with international Principals and educators from 7:30am each morning until well past midnight each evening. The team interviewed every staff member of the school, and met with members of the school council and parent community.

Seeking opportunities such as Miss Kolovos’ visit to Lilydale, embraces who we wish to represent as a school; a community of learners. I am eagerly awaiting a visit to Werribee in the same capacity next year and plan to greedily learn as much as I possibly can.

Kindest Regards,
Mrs Lisa Gough
Assistant Principal (Curriculum)

\(^1\) Our School Philosophy;
The students are at the centre of everything we do.
Building staff capacity is paramount.
Everything we do is based on research and a whole school approach.

\(^2\) Council Of International Schools
The Kids Corner section of this fortnight’s newsletter have been written by a number of children throughout our school:

Simar (Year 2) has written a poem about her recent family trip to Yarra Glen and the Yarra Valley:

The beauty of the hills was uncountable
The number of vines were uncountable
The restaurant at Yarra Glen was beyond words
The birds were chirping
The breezes in the cool air were singing
The muddy roads of Yarra Glen were also beautiful

JAYDA, SIMAR, DANIEL AND UTHUM (YEAR 2)
“FACTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT DIWALI”

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On November 11th Buwanaji (Year 2), her family and I had the honour of representing GWPS at Melbourne’s Shrine of Remembrance during Remembrance Day. We were invited to attend the ceremony as Buwanaji produced an outstanding Remembrance Day poster, which was selected as one of seven finalists in the annual Remembrance Day Poster Competition!

After participating in the traditional Remembrance Day ceremony where a minutes’ silence was acknowledged at precisely 11:00, saluted by two stark, emotion driven cannon blasts, a special ceremony was held inside the Shrine of Remembrance to present the finalists and their artworks to the media, and to announce the winner of the competition.

Such was the magnitude of the event, the Victorian Premier, Daniel Andrews, was there to congratulate and present all finalists with a special bag of prizes, consisting of wonderful books about Australia’s involvement in WW1, a special recognition medal, and a wonderful ANZAC poster. We also had the honour of meeting Mr W.G.S. Prasanna, the Consul General of Sri Lanka for Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania. Pictured below is Buwanaji’s fantastic poster with a blurb, Buwanaji being presented with her prizes by the Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews, Buwanaji, family and Mr W.G.S. Prasanna, and all of the other finalists with the Victorian Premier.

Buwanaji has been highly successful in various poster competitions throughout 2015. She has won the Victorian Multicultural Commission Poster Competition (Years 2-4), the National Water Week Poster competition (Years 1 – 2), the School Concert DVD Cover competition, and has now been a finalist in the Shrine of Remembrance Day Poster competition! Once again, congratulations Buwanaji on a truly outstanding year of artistic excellence.

Mr Aubrey Hudson (GWPS Visual Arts Teacher)
PREP PROM

It was our big night. We had been practising for weeks and we had learnt all of the words to ‘Yellow Submarine’. Our families were in the audience. We felt...

Persistent

Amazing

Excited

Fantastic

Nervous

Confident
2015 Australian Mathematics Competition Award Presentation
- Celebrating Student Achievements!

At Glen Waverley Primary School we strive to provide our students with enrichment opportunities to challenge and build their mathematical thinking skills. This year, we entered two of the largest Maths competitions at a national level, being the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC), and the Australian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (APMSO).

In mid October, we received the results from the AMC committee. Out of all the participants from the Year Five and Year Six who competed in the AMC Upper Primary Division, fourteen students received a Distinction Award, two students received a High Distinction Award, and one student received the AMC Prize Award and Prudence Award (highest consecutive correct answers).

The two top students from each of the Year Five and Year Six cohort, Rose (5PA) and Yasmin (6LT) were invited to the official AMC Award Presentation on the evening of 11th November at Monash University Clayton Campus. Together with more than fifty high achieving secondary college students from Victoria, they were presented a special AMC Commemorative Certificate by the regional director of the AMC to recognise their outstanding performance and achievements in the 2015.

Huge congratulations to Rose and Yasmin, and all other students who proudly competed to represent Glen Waverley Primary School. We are so proud of you!

Mr. Xue
Advanced Mathematics Teacher
Community Christmas Donations
Best Chance Child and Family Care Network – Glen Waverley

It is that time of the year, where we begin to think about Christmas and gift giving. Unfortunately, in our local community there are families who are less fortunate than us. Christmas is a difficult time financially and emotionally, but the Food Hampers provided by the Wishing Tree Appeal from Best Chance certainly help local families with the essentials that they would not be able to afford.

Each year, Glen Waverley Primary School collects donations from our community (parents and staff). We then deliver these goods to Best Chance in Glen Waverley, where they put together hampers for needy families.

We are asking our wonderful community of parents and staff for donations. We will be accepting donations from Monday 16th of November to Friday 4th of December. There will be boxes located near the office, in the ELC and Year three building for you to place your donations.

Some ideas for donations are:

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Thank you for supporting this wonderful cause. If you require any further information please contact Natalie Doyle at the school.

Principal and Staff

Glen Waverley Primary School
Whole School BBQ Lunch to celebrate 2015

On Wednesday 25 November, 2015 a BBQ picnic lunch was held for the students to celebrate their successes in 2015. The students have worked hard and this allowed them the chance come together as one to celebrate all their wonderful learning in 2015.

We sold Halal chicken sausages, vegetable burgers, juice boxes and Zooper Doopers, raising around $200 for the school to go towards fundraising. A big thank-you to Manasi for the contribution of juice boxes to the event.

It simply could not have happened if it weren’t for the many volunteers throughout the day, so a very special thank-you to you all for your assistance from the Glen Waverley Community. To Miss Esther Wang and Mrs Kay Platt for their organisation of the event, Congratulations on a superb day. To all of the staff for their assistance, thank-you.
We live in a world surrounded by technology. Computers and other digital devices are everywhere, from our offices, to our homes, to our cars, and to our pockets. We also know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly hinge on understanding how technology works.

Our students are lucky in that they use a wide range of ICT resources such as iPads and Netbooks, and various software and educational apps as part of their learning in the classroom. However, few understand the science and construction of such ICT tools.

*Every* student should have the opportunity to learn computer science. It helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. By starting early, students will have a foundation for success in any 21st-century career path.

That’s why Glen Waverley Primary School is joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week (December 7th-13th). The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code, and our students will join that number by taking part in, and completing, collaborative hour-long coding tutorials as a whole school. These tutorials are self-guided and allow students to work at their own pace and skill level.

Last year, every Apple Store in the world hosted an Hour of Code, and even US President Obama wrote his first line of code as part of the campaign. Our Hour of Code is a statement that GWPS is ready to teach these foundational 21st century skills.

This is a chance to change the future of education in our community.

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**Support for growing feet AND your school!**

With the same level of importance we place on enlivening the school with trim and clean shoes, every year, we believe in the importance of supporting the school environment. By using products from Williams and Mathers, you’re helping our kids learn to support themselves. Feel free to visit our local stockists, Mathers and Williams, or order online from their respective websites.

**How can your school get involved? It’s easy!**

Simply let us know if you’re interested, and we’ll provide you with a free catalogue to conduct your own school shoe audit. If you order the shoes, you’ll also get a discount on all school shoe purchases. Order before 1 December 2015 to get the best deal.

**Dates**

Program runs from 1 December 2015 to 30 April 2016.

Orders need to be collected and payment made direct to the school by 31 March 2016.

**Things to note**

- Only approved participating schools may be eligible for discounts. Only approved school shoes as designated in store will be eligible.
- The hours may vary at the discretion of the store.

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**Children’s Art Immersion Workshops**

Looking for a great summer school holiday activity? Come along to Kerrie Neighbourhood House for our half-day children’s art immersion workshops and enjoy creating works using a range of mediums and techniques. Attend one or all three workshops.

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Important note: Children will need to bring own packed snack/lunch (no nuts or nut products), a water bottle, art smock, A3 Sketchbook, grey lead pencil and eraser.

**LIMITED PLACES... DON’T MISS OUT... ENROL TODAY!**

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**SUMMER SCHOOL @ CITRUS DANCE**

5 days packed with dancing fun during your school holidays. The program includes a performance on the final day where the students showcase what they have learnt during the week, a pool party, and a Summer School 2016 T-shirt. Learn lots of dance styles from professional and experienced teachers, make new friends, and have fun! Places are limited so enrol now via our website.

**Lyrical, Jazz, Hip Hop, Break Dance, Popstars, Tap**

18-22 January 2016 10am-3pm Kinder-Grade 6 students

Full Week = $240 Casual daily rate = $60

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